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September 10, 1981

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator
2400 John F. Kennedy Memorial Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Dear Senator Kennedy:

We refer to your recent correspondence on behalf of the Laflamme family, Fall River, Massachusetts regarding fire protection and prevention services at the Naval Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island. We replied directly to your constituents as you requested (copy enclosed).

Please note we provided no substantive comments on the questions raised by the Laflammes because the matter is presently in litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, civil action No. 81-0254 as a result of an action brought by Mr. Laflamme's union.

Sincerely,

Harry R. Van Cleve

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Enclosure

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Mr. Lucien R. Laflamme *Personal file*
395 Goodwin Street
Fall River, Massachusetts 02724

Dear Mr. Laflamme:

Senator Kennedy has forwarded a letter from you dated April 20, 1981, regarding fire protection and prevention services at the Naval Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island, for our consideration. The Senator requested that we reply directly to you.

As you know, the General Accounting Office's involvement in this case has been limited to the receipt and docketing of a bid protest filed by RHK Services, Inc. under invitation for bids No. N62472-80-B-0433. The protest was filed on February 13, 1981; it was withdrawn on March 27, 1981. Our file was therefore closed on March 30, 1980, without any action on our part, i.e., we made no decision.

In any event, since this matter is presently in litigation as a result of a lawsuit brought by your union in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, civil action no. 81-0254, this Office cannot offer any substantive comments on the issues you have raised.

Sincerely yours,

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